

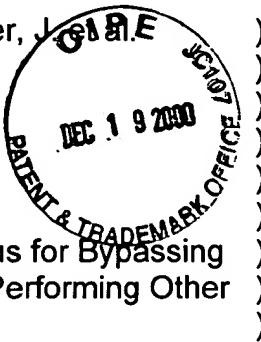
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Makower, *John E.*

Serial No.: 09/708,923

Filed: November 8, 2000

For: Methods and Apparatus for Bypassing
Arterial Obstructions and/or Performing Other
Transvascular Procedures



Art Unit: To be Determined

Examiner: To be Determined

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R Section 1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO forms 1449. No copies of the references are being provided per 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), since all of the references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application Serial No. 08/730,372 filed October 11, 1996.

No representation is made that the references disclosed herein legally constitute prior art, or that more relevant references are not available. The disclosed references are printed in the English language and/or accompanied by an Abstract published in the English language.

The disclosed references, when taken alone or in combination, are not believed to disclose nor make obvious the invention as claimed in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

1. The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).
2. The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but *before* the mailing date of either:
 - (1) a final action under § 1.113 or
 - (2) a notice of allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first.

CERTIFICATION OR FEE

A. Included with this transmittal is

i. a certification (set forth below) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). (If for any reason the certificate set forth below should be unsatisfactory, the Commissioner is provisionally authorized to charge the \$210 fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)) to Deposit Account No. 50-0878. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)

OR

ii. the attached fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c). (\$240.00).

3. The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before, or simultaneously with the payment of the issue fee.

CERTIFICATION, PETITION AND FEE

A. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):

i. Set forth below is a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

ii. Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii).

iii. Applicant submits the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1). (\$130.00).

CERTIFICATION

(Required if 2Ai or 3 above is marked)

4. I, the person signing below, certify

that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in the attached communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and that the communication is dated not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

OR

that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after

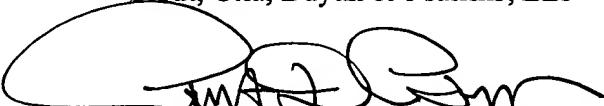
making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2).

5. If it should be determined that for any reason either an insufficient fee or an excessive has been paid, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment necessary to ensure consideration of the information disclosure statement for the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0878. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, on December 11, 2000.

Dated: December 11, 2000

By: 
Annette Brooks, Assistant